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SUBJECT: 63RD ECOSOC: ITEM 16 - DRAFT RESOLUTION ON UN WATER
CONFERENCE

REF: A. GENEVA 5994, B. STATE 170697

1. INCLUDED BELOW IS THE TEXT OF G-77 RESOLUTION ON THE WATER
CONFERENCE WHICH, WITH ONE CHANGE NOTED BELOW, HAS BEEN SUB-
MITTED TO SECRETARIAT. TEXT HAS BEEN INTRODUCED BY YUGOSLAVS
(G-77 CHAIRMAN), BUT IS NOT YET AVAILABLE AS UN DOCUMENT.
CONTACT GROUP IS PLANNED FOR 5 P.M. TODAY, JULY 28. CHAIR
PLANS TO BRING TEXT TO A VOTE ON FRIDAY, JULY 29.

2. AS TEXT INDICATES, US DEL SUCCEEDED, WORKING THROUGH
SUDANESE AND ARGENTINES, TO ELIMINATE LANGUAGE WHICH DEPARTMENT
INDICATED AS UNACCEPTABLE (REF B).

A. OP. PARA 1. "ALL." (SUDANESE RESISTED OUR EFFORT TO
PERSUADE THEM TO LIMIT APPROVAL TO MAR DEL PLATA PLAN OF ACTION)

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B. OP. PARA 3. PHRASE CONTAINING "ENSURE ADEQUATE BUDGETARY
PROVISION"

C. OP. PARA 6 (II) PHRASE "AND OUTLINE THE STEPS NECESSARY .."

D. OP. PARA 7 (I). SUDANESE HAVE PROMISED THAT TEXT INCLUDED

IN DOCUMENT WOULD BE FURTHER AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"REQUEST THE SECRETARY GENERAL (I) TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CO-ORDINATED PREPARATION AND SERVICING OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CNR, WHICH WILL DEAL WITH A WIDE SPECTRUM OF WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES AND COMPLEX STUDIES, AND TO ENSURE THAT ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM CONCERNED WITH WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT WILL EFFECTIVELY AND SUBSTANTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE PREPARATION PROCESS."

3. IN ADDITION, LANGUAGE IN OP. PARA 6 (IV) SEEMS SOMEWHAT MORE REALISTIC, AND PROPOSED DATE FOR SPECIAL SESSION HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MAY, 1978. STANDARD PREAMBULAR REFERENCE TO SIXTH AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION RESOLUTIONS AND CERDS HAS BEEN ADDED.

4. WE HAVE INDICATED INFORMALLY TO SUDANESE THAT WITH THESE CHANGES, WE COULD ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION. IN PRIOR DISCUSSIONS, CANADIANS AND UK INDICATED THEIR APPROACHES TO OP PARA 1 WERE SIMILAR TO OURS. UK HAS SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD US THEY MAY TRY TO GET A FURTHER LANGUAGE CHANGE; OUR SUPPORT FOR THEM WILL BE LIMITED BY COMMITMENT MADE. ISRAELIS, WHO HAVE NOT RAISED QUESTION WITH US OR (AS FAR AS WE KNOW) OTHERS SINCE INITIAL DRAFT WAS CIRCULATED (PARA 3 REF A), HAVE BEGUN EXTENSIVE LOBBYING.

5. DELEGATION ASSUMES WE WILL STILL MAKE A STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD INDICATING OUR OPPOSITION TO ONE OF THE RESOLUTIONS. WE REQUEST GUIDANCE ON WHETHER DEPARTMENT WISHES US TO BE SPECIFIC.

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6. TEXT FOLLOWS.

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE REPORT OF THE UN WATER CONFERENCE
THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3513 (XXX) OF 15 DECEMBER 1975 AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1979 (LIX) OF 31 JULY 1975.

RECALLING FURTHER GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 3201 (S-VI) AND 3202 (SVI) OF 1 MAY 1974, CONTAINING THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, 3281 (XXIX) OF 12 DECEMBER 1974, CONTAINING THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES, AND 3362 (S-VII) OF 16 SEPTEMBER 1975 ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION,

NOTING THAT THE UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE HELD AT MAR DEL PLATA, ARGENTINA, 14-25 MARCH 1977 TOOK FAR REACHING DECISIONS ON THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF THE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES COVERING SUCH ASPECTS AS ASSESSMENT OF

WATER RESOURCES; USE AND EFFICIENCY IN DIFFERENT ASPECTS;
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND POLLUTION CONTROL; PLANNING, MANAGEMENT
AND INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS; EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH; AND
REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION;

CONSIDERING THAT THE DECISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
WATER CONFERENCE REQUIRE URGENT ACTION;

1- APPROVES THE REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE
CONTAINING THE MAR DEL PLATA ACTION PLAN AND ITS DECISIONS,
RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS;

2- URGES MEMBER STATES AND ALL ORGANISATIONS OF THE UN SYSTEM
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TO TAKE INTENSIFIED AND SUSTAINED ACTION FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE;

3. RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO APPROVE THE DECISIONS,
RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AND THE MAR DEL PLATA ACTION
PLAN OF THE UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE GIVING DUE PRIORITY
TO THE MEASURES NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THEM;

4- RECOMMENDS TO GOVERNMENTS TO CONSIDER WHERE NECESSARY THE
DESIRABILITY OF DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL WATER CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE OR OTHER SUITABLE ORGANISATIONS TO COORDINATE AND
MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE NATIONAL
LEVEL ON THE BASIS OF DETAILED NATIONAL ACTION PROGRAMMES,
ENCOMPASSING AREAS SPECIFIED IN THE NOTE OF THE SECRETARY
GENERAL OF JUNE 27, 1977;

5-(I) APPROVES THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
TO CONVENE A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
IN ORDER TO DEVOTE FURTHER STEPS TO SECURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE MAR DEL PLATA ACTION PLAN TO BE PRECEDED BY REGIONAL
MEETINGS;

(II) APPROVES ALSO THE SUBJECTS SUGGESTED BY THE UN SECRETARY
GENERAL IN HIS NOTE E/6015 PART III FOR DISCUSSION IN REGIONAL
MEETINGS AND THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES.

6- REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL,
I) TO FORMULATE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED
BY THE UN WATER CONFERENCE PROPOSALS IN RESPECT OF STEPS REQUIRED TO
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(A) ENABLE THE COUNCIL AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO PLAY THE CENTRAL ROLE IN THE PROMOTION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION; (B) INTENSIFY THE ACTIVITIES IN THE WATER SECTOR; (C) PROVIDE STRENGTHENED SECRETARIAT SUPPORT SERVICES TO THESE ORGANS BY ALL UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATIONS AND BODIES AND FOR THE INTENSIFICATION OF COORDINATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM ACTIVITIES AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNDP;

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II) TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE RESOLUTION ON COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY, AND THE LAUNCHING OF THE INTERNATIONAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION DECADE;

III) TO ARRANGE THE PREPARATION OF AN IN-DEPTH STUDY, IN COOPERATION WITH THE RELEVANT ORGANISATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND IN CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENTS, OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND FLEXIBLE MECHANISM TO INCREASE THE FLOW OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES SPECIFICALLY FOR WATER DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT COVERING THE ELEMENTS OUTLINED

IN THE NOTE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF 27 JUNE 1977;

IV) TO REQUEST THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO STRENGTHEN AND INTENSIFY THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE WATER SECTOR AND TO THIS END, ASSIGN SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES TO AN EXISTING INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE WITHIN THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, OR IF NECESSARY CREATE A NEW ONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WATER CONFERENCE AND WITH THE RESOLUTION 1 (V) OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, AND PUT UP THEIR REQUIREMENTS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR THIS PURPOSE;

V) TO MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ORGANIZING MEETINGS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL RIVER COMMISSIONS WITH A VIEW TO DEVELOPING A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS ON POTENTIAL WAYS OF PROMOTING THE EXCHANGE OF THEIR EXPERIENCE;

VI) TO PRESENT THE RESULTS OF SPECIAL STUDIES IN (I) TO (V) TO THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES (IN MAY 1978);

7- FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT WATER COOPERATION SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE, WITH THE SUBSTANTIVE SUPPORT OF ALL UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT, FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION AND TO UNDERTAKE THE STUDIES REFERRED TO IN (PARA-6);

(II) TO TRANSMIT THE RELEVANT DECISIONS OF THE UNWC TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT FOR FURTHER ACTION TO ENSURE THAT WATER MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS AND THE PROBLEMS OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES BE GIVEN PRIORITY ATTENTION IN THE PRELIMINARY NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS UNDERTAKEN IN THE PREPARATORY PROCESS FOR THE CONFERENCE AS WELL AS BY THE CONFERENCE ITSELF.

(III) TO TRANSMIT THE RELEVANT RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNWC TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS WELL AS THE COMPETENT ORGANIZATIONS DEALING WITH THE PREPARATORY PROCESS FOR THIS CONFERENCE WITH A VIEW TO DEFINE FUTURE ACTION AND SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES IN THIS AREA. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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8. RECOMMENDS THAT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON NATURAL RESOURCES SHARED BY TWO OR MORE STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME TO EXPEDITE ITS WORK ON DRAFT PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT IN THE FIELD OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE GUIDANCE OF STATES IN THE CONSERVATION AND HARMONIOUS EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHARED BY TWO OR MORE STATES;

9. CALLS THE ATTENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION, WITH REFERENCE TO RESOLUTION 1955 (LIX) OF 25 JULY 1975, TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE UN WATER CONFERENCE REQUESTING THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION TO GIVE A HIGHER PRIORITY IN ITS WORKING PROGRAMME TO THE CONDIFICATION IN RESPECT OF THE LAW OF NON-NAVIGATIONAL USES OF INTERNATIONAL WATER COURSES AND TO COORDINATING WITH ACTIVITIES OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES DEALING WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW OF WATERS WITH A VIEW TO THE EARLY CONCLUSION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

10. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE 33RD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THROUGH ECOSOC ON THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE.
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